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Course #27-MASK CONFIDENCE: Smoke Divers Training

DESCRIPTION: This *advanced* twelve (12) hour weekend program is designed to provide *experienced, interior qualified firefighters* with a unique and challenging training experience. Firefighters will learn life saving techniques and develop skills to enhance their ability to function while depending on their Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for breathing air. Firefighters will also enhance their ability to work with SCBA and become more confident in both their equipment and their abilities.

REGISTRATION: Students must pre-register for this course by submitting the standard training course application form ECFS-1001. Each application must include their fire chief's signature and that both authorizations be checked off.

Registration is limited to two (2) students per fire department per class. Class reservations will be taken on a first come-first serve basis. Class size is limited to twenty (20) students total per class.

PRE-REQUISITES: 92-Intermediate Firefighter –OR– (02-Firefighting Essentials and 03-Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness) –AND– 87-Firefighter Survival. Students must also be physically capable of wearing SCBA and possess current medical clearance for SCBA use. Students not possessing these prerequisites will not be allowed to participate for their own safety. *See Also: Erie County Fire Safety SOG#1009 – SCBA Face Piece Seal Protection Policy*

TIME: Class will start promptly at 8am on Saturday, beginning with registration and orientation. Class will end at approximately 4pm each day. A lunch break will be provided between 12 noon and 1pm. Students are responsible for bringing or obtaining their own lunch. Lunch will not be provided by Erie County Fire Safety.

EQUIPMENT:

Each student is required to provide the following:

- One (1) complete set of OSHA/NFPA compliant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including:
 - Helmet with ear flaps
 - Face/Eye Protection
 - Protective hood
 - Turnout Coat
 - Bunker Pants
 - Boots
- One (1) SCBA harness
- Two (2) SCBA cylinders total
(NOTE: Air cylinders must have passed a hydrostatic test within the past five (5) years for steel cylinders, or within the past three (3) years for composite cylinders. Cylinders must be full at rated capacity at start of training. Refilling of cylinders will be provided as necessary.)

Each student is required to provide the following personal items:

- Old clothing
- Long sleeve shirt
- Knee and elbow pads (recommended)